



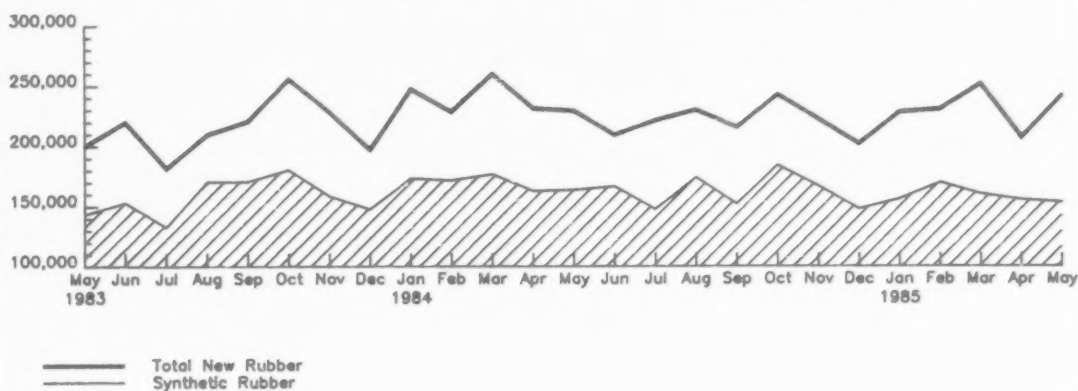
MONTHLY RUBBER CONSUMPTION REPORT

May 1985

This report was compiled by the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) and presents a monthly analysis of production, imports, exports, stocks, and apparent consumption of both natural and synthetic rubber. The procedures used by Management Information Services (MIS) of RMA to compile the data are reviewed annually by the RMA Rubber Statistical Committee which is made up of rubber industry representatives. The categories were selected to conform with the Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC) codes assigned by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census and are so annotated.

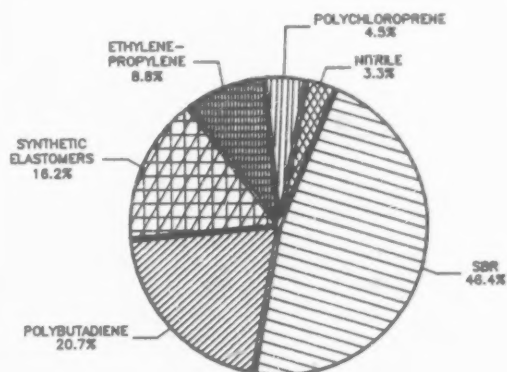
Total consumption for May 1985 is up +5.7% from May 1984, and synthetic consumption is down -6.6%. 72.6% of all rubber consumed in 1984 was synthetic, of which almost half was SBR, as shown in the charts below.

MONTHLY TOTAL RUBBER CONSUMPTION — NATURAL & SYNTHETIC

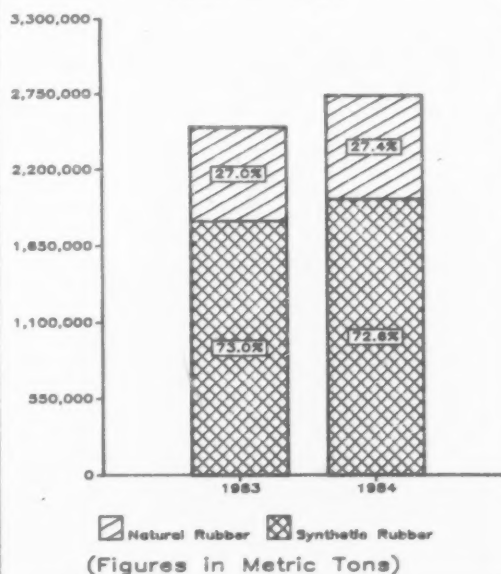


NOTE: NATURAL RUBBER CONSUMPTION IS THE VERTICAL DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CURVES
(Figures in Metric Tons)

1984 SYNTHETIC CONSUMPTION BY TYPE



CONSUMPTION OF NEW RUBBER 1983 - 1984



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U.S. SIC CODE	May 1985	May 1984	% CHANGE YEARLY	April 1985	% CHANGE MONTHLY	CUMULATIVE 1985	CUMULATIVE 1984	% CHANGE 85 vs 84
TOTAL NEW RUBBER								
Beginning Stocks	395,869	377,624	4.83	379,973	4.18			
New Rubber Available	268,659	276,551	-2.85	252,876	6.24	1,335,741	1,378,831	-3.13
Imports	114,507	89,026	28.62	86,881	31.80	502,022	467,149	7.47
Exports	34,492	34,091	1.18	30,554	12.89	153,355	152,373	1.96
Apparent Consumption	241,666	228,643	5.70	206,426	17.07	1,162,444	1,194,384	-2.67
Ending Stocks	388,370	391,440	-.78	395,869	-1.89			
TOTAL NATURAL RUBBER								
Beginning Stocks	101,904	88,698	14.89	91,416	11.47			
Imports	86,017	71,377	20.51	65,005	32.32	386,082	366,323	5.39
Exports	3,021	2,596	16.37	2,847	6.11	16,453	9,846	67.10
Stock File Deliveries								
Apparent Consumption *	88,996	65,123	36.66	51,669	72.24	370,039	346,939	6.66
% Total New Rubber	36.82	28.48		25.03		31.83	29.04	
Ending Stocks	95,904	92,356	3.84	101,905	-5.89			
NATURAL RUBBER DRY								
Beginning Stocks	93,778	82,292	13.96	84,050	11.57			
Imports	82,547	65,025	26.95	59,853	37.92	361,093	336,450	7.32
Exports	2,605	1,746	49.20	2,180	19.50	13,577	5,999	126.32
Stock File Deliveries								
Apparent Consumption	84,899	61,216	38.69	47,945	77.08	346,232	322,038	7.51
Ending Stocks	88,821	84,355	5.29	93,778	5.29			
NATURAL RUBBER LATEX								
Beginning Stocks	8,127	6,406	26.87	7,366	10.33			
Imports	3,470	6,352	-45.37	5,152	-32.65	24,989	29,873	-16.35
Exports	416	850	-51.06	667	-37.63	2,876	3,847	-25.24
Stock File Deliveries								
Apparent Consumption	4,098	3,907	4.89	3,724	10.04	23,807	24,901	-4.39
Ending Stocks	7,083	8,001	-11.47	8,127	-12.85			
TOTAL SYNTHETIC RUBBER								
Beginning Stocks	293,964	288,925	1.74	288,557	1.87			
Production	154,152	187,525	-17.80	165,995	-7.13	833,719	911,682	-8.55
Imports	28,490	17,649	61.43	21,876	30.23	155,940	100,826	14.99
Exports	31,471	31,495	-.08	27,707	13.59	138,902	142,527	-2.54
Apparent Consumption	152,669	163,520	-6.64	154,757	-1.35	792,404	847,445	-6.49
% Total New Rubber	63.17	71.51		74.96		68.16	70.95	
Ending Stocks	292,466	299,084	-2.21	293,964	-.51			
TOTAL SBR								
Beginning Stocks	127,067	127,220	-.12	126,246	.65			
Production	67,009	85,772	-21.88	73,083	-8.31	367,984	424,462	-13.31
Imports	10,014	5,122	95.51	7,574	32.22	38,364	30,285	26.68
Exports	6,078	9,222	-34.09	7,284	-16.56	35,365	42,746	-17.87
Apparent Consumption	72,982	75,043	-2.75	72,552	.59	366,547	393,717	-6.90
Ending Stocks	125,030	133,849	-6.59	127,067	-1.60			
SBR Dry								
Beginning Stocks	118,257	119,416	-.97	117,656	.51			
Production	58,891	75,841	-22.35	64,149	-8.20	321,591	382,321	-15.88
Imports	7,991	2,951	170.79	5,830	37.07	29,028	21,327	36.11
Exports	3,641	7,091	-48.65	5,403	-32.61	25,543	31,647	-19.29
Apparent Consumption	64,565	67,649	-4.56	63,975	.92	319,552	355,989	-10.24
Ending Stocks	116,933	123,468	-5.29	118,257	-1.12			
SBR Latex								
Beginning Stocks	8,809	7,804	12.88	8,590	2.55			
Production	8,118	9,932	-18.26	8,934	-9.13	46,393	42,141	10.09
Imports	2,023	2,171	-6.82	1,744	16.00	9,336	8,958	4.22
Exports	2,437	2,131	14.36	1,881	29.56	9,822	11,099	-11.51
Apparent Consumption	8,416	7,395	13.81	8,578	-1.89	46,995	37,728	24.56
Ending Stocks	8,097	10,381	-22.00	8,809	-8.08			

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<u>TOTAL NITRILE</u>								
28220 41 + Beginning Stocks	17,128	8,900	92.45	16,718	2.45			
28220 42 Production	4,952	6,536	-24.24	5,009	-1.14	26,495	28,157	-5.90
Imports	1,046	923	13.33	773	35.32	5,695	4,825	18.03
Exports	496	713	-30.43	410	20.98	2,970	3,156	-5.89
Apparent Consumption	5,636	5,618	.32	4,962	13.58	27,136	29,384	-7.65
Ending Stocks	16,994	10,028	69.47	17,128	.78			
<u>POLYBUTADIENE</u>								
28220 50 Beginning Stocks	25,149	38,637	-34.91	24,223	3.82			
Production	30,472	32,249	-5.51	29,370	3.75	150,393	151,359	-.64
Imports	7,934	5,358	48.08	6,359	24.77	30,354	29,828	1.76
Exports	2,592	2,119	22.32	1,826	41.95	10,515	10,322	1.87
Apparent Consumption	29,170	34,116	-14.50	32,977	-11.54	165,827	170,010	-2.46
Ending Stocks	31,793	40,009	-20.54	25,149	26.42			
<u>ETHYLENE-PROPYLENE</u>								
28220 57 Beginning Stocks	47,761	40,819	17.01	45,760	4.37			
Production	21,632	19,461	11.16	20,132	7.45	99,800	93,948	6.23
Imports	118	19	521.05	58	103.45	447	270	65.56
Exports	3,413	4,132	-17.40	3,197	6.76	13,500	15,386	-12.26
Apparent Consumption	17,582	14,913	17.90	14,992	17.28	81,993	74,120	10.62
Ending Stocks	48,516	41,254	17.60	47,761	1.58			
<u>BUTYL, POLYCHLOROPRENE, POLYISOPRENE, SILICONE, AND OTHER SYNTHETIC ELASTOMERS</u>								
28220 45 + Beginning Stocks	76,860	73,348	4.79	75,609	1.65			
28220 60 + Production	30,087	43,507	-30.85	38,402	-21.65	189,049	213,757	-11.56
28220 72 Imports	9,378	6,227	50.60	7,112	31.86	41,080	35,618	15.33
Exports	18,892	15,309	23.40	14,990	26.03	76,552	70,917	7.95
Apparent Consumption	27,301	33,829	-19.30	29,273	-6.74	150,903	180,217	-16.27
Ending Stocks	70,132	73,944	-5.16	76,860	-8.75			
<u>Included in Butyl</u>								
28220 45 Imports	5,641	3,324	69.71	4,217	33.77	25,750	20,947	22.93
<u>Included in Polyisoprene</u>								
28220 45 Imports	768	1,014	-24.26	924	-16.88	3,922	3,829	2.43
Exports	292	387	-24.55	386	-24.35	1,146	2,786	-58.87
<u>Included in Polychloroprene</u>								
28220 45 Imports	350	553	-36.71	72	386.11	1,056	1,747	-39.55
Exports	6,566	3,327	97.35	3,685	78.18	20,663	16,437	25.71

Latest figures available to RMA indicate INRO Stocks included in Natural Rubber Consumption figures to be 0 as of May 1985.

RUBBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION INDUSTRY RUBBER REPORT

This report relies upon a panel composed of approximately seventy-five (75) companies. The monthly consumption data reported by these companies is combined with data from the RMA 7 "Synthetic Rubber Producers Report", RMA 200 "Importers Shipments of Natural Rubber Latex Report", and RMA 201 "Natural Rubber Dealers Shipments Report". It is the feeling of the RMA Rubber Statistical Committee that this manner of data collection represents a valid sampling for statistical purposes.

The report presents the following categories for selected rubber types:

BEGINNING STOCKS: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the US Government's MA30A annual report. Beginning stock figures may differ from prior month closing stocks due to inventory adjustments.

PRODUCTION: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the US Government's MA30A annual report.

IMPORTS: RMA import figures are based upon Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (TSUSA) numbers:

Natural Rubber Dry data monitored by RMA are TSUSA Numbers: 446.0544, 446.0548, 446.0552, 446.0556, 446.0560, 446.0564, 446.0568, 446.0572, 446.0576, 446.0580 and 446.0584. The Natural Rubber Latex TSUSA Number monitored by RMA is 446.0540 with Gutta balata, Gutta-percha, and Jelutong or pontianak derived from TSUSA Numbers 446.0510, 446.0520 and 446.0530.

RMA natural rubber import numbers do not contain TSUSA Numbers: 446.1000 (Natural rubber containing filler, etc.) and 446.1200 (Chlorinated natural rubber).

Synthetic Rubber TSUSA Numbers monitored by RMA are: 446.1539, 446.1571, 446.1576 and 446.1597 (SBR Dry); 446.1535 (SBR Latex); 446.1516 (Polybutadiene); 446.1506 (Butyl); 446.1511 (Nitrile); 446.1531 (Polyisoprene); 446.1526 (Ethylene-propylene); 446.1521 (Polychloroprene); and 446.1533 and 446.1557 (Elastomers).

RMA synthetic rubber import numbers do not contain the following TSUSA Numbers: 446.1544 (Styrene-butadiene containing over 50% styrene); 446.1580 (Silicone); 446.2000 (Reclaimed rubber of all kinds); and 446.3000 (Mixtures of any of the foregoing).

EXPORTS: RMA export figures are based upon the following United States Schedule B Numbers:

Natural Rubber (Dry) export number is 446.0515 and 446.0505 for Natural Rubber (Latex). RMA natural rubber export numbers do not contain Schedule B Numbers 446.1000 and 446.1200.

Synthetic rubber export Schedule B Numbers monitored by RMA are as follows: 446.1541, 446.1571, and 446.1576 (SBR Dry); 446.1536 (SBR Latex); 446.1516 (Polybutadiene); 446.1506 (Butyl); 446.1511 (Nitrile); 446.1531 (Polyisoprene); 446.1526 (Ethylene-propylene); 446.1521 (Polychloroprene); and 446.1547 and 446.1561 (Elastomers).

RMA synthetic rubber export numbers do not contain Schedule B Numbers 446.2000 (Reclaimed) and 446.3000 (Mixtures).

APPARENT CONSUMPTION: Figures are calculated by RMA by adding Beginning Stocks to Production and Imports, and subtracting Exports and Ending Stocks. The consumption figures for natural rubber contains International Natural Rubber Organization (INRO) stock purchases, since the amounts are not disclosed for ninety (90) days. The latest available stock figure is presented for your use should you wish to subtract it from the apparent consumption figure shown.

ENDING STOCKS: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the US Government's MA30A annual report.

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